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Division of Water Pollution Control
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Public Participation Opportunities

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Last Day to Submit Comments: December 5, 2008

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following draft environmental permits and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on human health and the environment.

Individual NPDES Permits

Coal Proposed Reissuance

Applicant	The Tennessee Coal Company
Facility	Deep Mine 6
NPDES Permit Number	TN0053813
County	Anderson
Street Address	Beech Grove Lane
City	Lake City
Zip	37769
Description of Activity	Reclaimed underground coal mine
Receiving Stream	Beech Grove Fork
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water
Facility Latitude	36°12'39"
Facility Longitude	84°13'32"
Permit Writer	MRR

Non-Coal Proposed Reissuance

Applicant	Tennessee Marble Company
Facility	Brown Quarry
NPDES Permit Number	TN0071862
County	Blount
Street Address	343 West Vinegar Valley Road
City	Friendsville
Zip	37737-2436
Description of Activity	Marble quarry and processing
Receiving Streams	Karst topography and unnamed tributary to Ish Creek
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water
Facility Latitude	35°46'22"
Facility Longitude	84°06'46"
Permit Writer	KBG

Non-Coal Proposed Termination

Applicant	West Tennessee Gravel Company
Facility	Jeanette Pit
NPDES Permit Number	TN0068900 (Expired)
County	Decatur
Street Address	6444 Highway 641 North
City	Parson
Zip	38363
Description of Activity	Stabilized construction sand and gravel mine
Receiving Stream	Booty Branch
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water
Facility Latitude	35°44'00"
Facility Longitude	88°05'45"
Permit Writer	JPJ

TDEC is requesting public comment on these permit actions. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure quality decisions. Persons wishing to comment on these proposed actions are invited to submit comments in writing to the Mining Section at the above letterhead address, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator, by fax (865) 594-5253 or by e-mail at Gary.Mullins@state.tn.us. Comments must be received by the end of comment period date (see page 1).

How to Request a Public Hearing:

Interested persons may request in writing that the Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the party filing it and the reasons why such a hearing is warranted. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, a hearing will be conducted according to *Rule 1200-4-5-.06 (12)* of the Division of Water Pollution Control. Public hearings will be announced through another public notice.

How the Department Will Proceed:

The Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control will determine the final permit action after considering comments submitted during the comment period, the hearing record, if any, and the requirements of the Federal and State acts and regulations.

To Obtain Permit Details:

Draft permits contain Antidegradation Determinations and Rationales that address information concerning the foundation for the Division's determinations. Copies of the application(s), draft permit(s), and supporting documentation are in the permit files maintained at the Mining Section's office located at the letterhead address. There is a nominal fee for copying. These files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours. Please email Tina.E.Jones@state.tn.us or call (865) 594-5616 to schedule an appointment for the review(s).

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State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy

Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is in Chapter 1200-4-3-.06 of the *Rules of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation*. The primary purpose of the Antidegradation Policy is to establish a greater level of protection for high quality waters. Some high quality waters are in near-pristine condition. Others are determined to be high quality due to specialized uses and/or unique features.

Generally, there are two types of high quality waters. Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs) receive the greatest level of protection. The Water Quality Control Board designates these waters. New discharges or expansion of existing discharges cannot degrade existing water quality.

The Department identifies other high quality waters known as Exceptional Tennessee Waters and protects against their degradation. The Department may allow some degradation if the Department deems it economically and socially necessary.

Non Exceptional Tennessee Waters refer to surface waters that do not have the identification and/or designation as high quality. These waters must achieve and maintain Tennessee's Water Quality Standards.

State of Tennessee Policy of Non-Discrimination

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